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Police & Strikers Clash

Rome Disturbances

Rome, Dec. 11.—Police jeep squadrons today roared down Rome's ancient streets to disperse mobs of yelling strikers while heavily armed troops guarded strategic intersections in a show of strength aimed at breaking the day-old Communist-led general strike.

Communist Giuseppe di Vittorio, Italy's supreme labour boss, ordered 500,000 workers in Rome and its environs to continue the strike on Friday and threatened nationwide unrest to combat the government crack down on labour agitation.

Premier Alcide De Gasperi's government, following the pattern set in neighbouring France, called thousands of soldiers and sailors armed with carbines, tear gas, bombs and hand grenades to guarantee the "right to work."

The Interior Minister, Mario Scelba, in charge of police, was manhandled in the National Assembly by Communist deputies shouting "murderer" but guards and other deputies intervened to protect him.

ATTACK WITH CLUBS

Club swinging police clashed with 1,000 demonstrators in front of the buildings housing the Christian Democratic Party headquarters and Rightist newspaper offices. Two strikers were injured critically and many bruised and cut, the Interior Ministry announced. One hundred Communist labour lieutenants wearing armbands marked "civil police" were arrested on charges of intimidating workers, inciting strikers and resisting the police, the Ministry announced.

An estimated 200 other strikers were taken into custody in dozens of scuffles with the police and the troops. Speedy police action kept the strikers scattered however and no rioting on the scale which marked strikes in other Italian cities was reported.

Nearly 500,000 workers failed to show up at their jobs but, as the day wore on it became increasingly evident that the transportation tie-up was partly responsible. Tens of thousands, ignoring the Communist strike order, walked to work. Thousands more took advantage of truck convoys manned by anti-Communist drivers and private owners. Convoys escorted by troops and police guards rolled between Rome and the suburbs throughout the day.—United Press.

MINERS KILLED BY EXPLOSION

Wilkes Barre, Pennsylvania, Dec. 11.—Six miners were killed and at least three were hurt today when a gas explosion occurred underground in the Franklin colliery here today. Rescue gangs and ambulances were rushed to the colliery.—Reuter.

EDITORIAL

Winning The Battle

THE battle for Britain's economic, industrial and financial recovery has now fully been joined, with growing evidence that the apathy which had gripped many of the nation's workers is fast being replaced by a determination to see the job through to the end. The same steadfastness of purpose as displayed during the war years. One exciting development has been the record output of coal by miners during last week, producing a situation where the official target set for January 3 will not only be reached, but exceeded. The miners have only to maintain their 4,000,000 tons per week for the 200,000,000 target to be passed by a substantial margin. This is good news because the key to Britain's economic revival is in coal production. Given this in sufficient quantities and immediately other industries can boost their productions and increase the country's export trade. Confirmation of this is provided by the following official reports: The Hercules Cycle Company last month increased production by five percent and raised the month's quota from 100 to 120 percent; at Redditch, centre of the needle manufacturing industry, one firm is producing 27,000,000 needles a week, three times the pre-war figure. Ninety-five percent of this output is for export. Production will shortly

RUSSIAN GRAIN FOR BRITAIN

Trade Agreement COMMONS CHEERS ANNOUNCEMENT

London, Dec. 11.—Britain will get a substantial quantity of coarse grain from the Russian 1947 harvest under the Anglo-Soviet trade agreement, Mr Harold Wilson, the President of the Board of Trade, announced to a cheering House of Commons today. Further cheers greeted the fact that there had been an agreement in principle on the "whole range of the subjects covered."

There would be no payment by either side in hard or scarce currency. The contract for the shipment of grain included an agreement on quantities, prices and detailed terms.

In addition to immediate supply of certain goods from Britain, provision was made for a Soviet importing organisation to enter into contracts with appropriate British firms for the supply of engineering equipment from Britain.

"We also agreed that next May there should be a further discussion to prepare long-term supply arrangements over a wider range of goods providing for a balanced programme of trade between the two countries."

"Our aim was to secure a long-term balance in trade and financial transactions between our two countries."

Mr Wilson added that the talks were conducted in a friendly atmosphere. **EARLY SHIPMENT**—Replying to questions, the President of the Board of Trade said that an agreement in principle had been reached on the terms of payment of British credit advanced in 1941, the details of which would be announced later.

Amid Labour cheers, Mr Wilson stated that the Soviet Vice-Premier and the Minister of Foreign Trade, Mr. Anastas Mikoyan, had told him that when the contracts were signed, the grain would be available for shipment at Black Sea ports within two or three weeks. He said that the quantity and price of the grain was fixed between 5 a.m. and 6 a.m. yesterday. The agreement was warmly welcomed by Mr Anthony Eden, the deputy leader of the Opposition.

Mr Wilson told another questioner that timber was discussed to a very great extent but he was not anxious to enter into an immediate agreement because among other things, the shipping ports were already frozen.

When the talks were resumed next May, timber would then come up and the Government hoped to negotiate a satisfactory agreement for the shipment of such timber as might be made available.

NEGOTIATIONS FAIL—Ottawa, Dec. 11.—The British-Canadian food negotiations have ended in virtual failure and the British food mission will sail for Britain from Halifax on December 17, it was learned here today.

A Canadian source close to the negotiations said that no firm conclusions had been reached but the door had not yet been closed. It was believed that the negotiations had failed to overcome the facts that Canada wanted higher prices for her foodstuffs and Britain had not the dollars to continue paying even present prices. **Big 4 Agree Again**—London, Dec. 11.—The Big Four, carefully avoiding a showdown now on the German reparations, today agreed to raise the limit on Germany's steel production capacity from 7,500,000 tons to 11,000,000 tons per year. It was the first major agreement reached by the Four at the Council of Foreign Ministers.—United Press. **Four Earthquakes**—Ankara, Dec. 11.—Four earthquakes have shaken the areas of south Anatolia during the past 24 hours, it was stated here today. No serious damage or victims were reported. Reports from east Anatolia yesterday said that a violent earthquake had shaken areas there, wrecking many houses. Earth tremors were also felt in Cyprus yesterday.—Reuter.

23 Killed In Labrador Plane Disaster

Westover, Massachusetts, Dec. 11.—The United States Air Transport Command announced tonight that 23 occupants were killed and there were six survivors in the American Skymaster which crashed eleven kilometres north of Goose Bay, Labrador, on Tuesday night.

The reports of casualties were given by a doctor at the scene of the crash. One helicopter, carrying doctors and medical supplies, landed within half a mile of the scene, despite hard driving snow through which the land rescue parties were also slogging with dog teams over rough country on the bleak Labrador coast.

The plane had plunged flaming earth-wards in forested, hilly country that could not be reached by air or ground for nearly 24 hours.—Reuter.

Nine Jews Slain In Ambush

Jerusalem, Dec. 11.—Nine Jews were killed when two Hagana—Jewish National Defence Force—lorries were ambushed at Solomon's Pool, near Bethlehem, and five more were reported killed in the south Palestine desert tonight, bringing the country's casualty list in 12 days since the United Nations partition decision to 126 killed and about 500 wounded.

At least ten Arabs and two Jews were killed and about 50 injured in disturbances earlier in the day.

Britain tonight took another step in turning over responsibility for law and order to local inhabitants, with the announced strengthening of the police force at Jaffa, the Arab sea port, by 120 special Arab constables and the "ultimate creation" of a local All-Arab police force under the control of the Jaffa municipal council.

The official statement did not announce the withdrawal of the British police from Jaffa.

Indicating that British troops would leave other Arab towns and villages as they had left some Jewish ones, the Government said that the formation of local police forces similar to that for Jaffa was "receiving attention."

The new Jaffa special police force would be locally enlisted men armed from the police armoury while on duty. A Jewish civil guard of about 450 men without the status of police would take over security duties in the British police in Tel-Aviv, Petah Tiyvah and Ramat Gan Anas. They would be licensed to carry arms only in the areas from which the British and Arab police have been withdrawn.

4-HOUR GUN BATTLE

In Jerusalem, Irgun Zvai Leumi, Jewish terrorist organisation, charged the British Government with "operating with Arabs in an attempt to continue the 'day' on the British forces unless this 'policy' was stopped. The police closed six of Jerusalem's eight gates after a four-hour gun battle today between Arabs and Jews and then said: "All is quiet for the moment."

Despatches from Aden said tonight that the official figures of dead and wounded in Aden over the partition of Palestine, admittedly under-estimated, were dead 35 Arabs and 70 Jews, wounded 84 Arabs and 74 Jews—with many bodies probably still hidden in wreckage.

The courts have sentenced 22 rioters to terms of imprisonment, ranging from one year to 18 months.

A despatch from Cairo says that the Arab League has decided not to submit the Palestine case to the United Nations Security Council.

The Arab League delegates conferred in Cairo this morning. Discussions of the deployment of regular Arab armies along the borders of Palestine were continuing in great secrecy behind scenes, it was believed.

The Syrian Minister of Defence was summoned to Cairo by the Syrian Premier last night and arrived there from Damascus at noon today. He is expected to take part in this evening's session of the League Council's conference. Nuri Es Said Pasha, former Premier of Iraq, who is now in London, is also expected here within the next 24 hours.—Reuter. **EVACUATION DATE**—London, Dec. 11.—The British Government's decision to evacuate all troops from Palestine by August 1, 1948, was announced in the House of Commons tonight by Mr Arthur Creech-Jones, Colonial Secretary and Minister responsible for Palestine.

Mr Creech-Jones, who was opening a two-day debate in the House of Commons on the future of Palestine, appealed vehemently to Arabs and Jews to prevent passions from becoming inflamed, saying that reprisals leading to further reprisals would produce chaos with disastrous effects.

"If illegal immigrant traffic is encouraged during the next few months, a grave situation will arise," he added. The Colonial Secretary insisted that there was nothing in Britain's mandate which entitled her to impose by force a solution unacceptable to either community in Palestine. The United Nations had declared in favour of partition and the end of the mandate. Britain accepted this as the decision of the court of international opinion.

But Britain had made it quite clear at the United Nations meeting that she would not carry the sole or major responsibility for the changes involving a settlement by force of arms.

FOREIGN RELIEF BILL RUSHED THROUGH CONGRESS

Dramatic Manoeuvre

Washington, Dec. 11.—The bitterly-contested US\$590,000,000 emergency foreign relief bill was rammed through the House today without even the formality of a roll call vote, by a surprise manoeuvre that caught foes of the programme figuratively asleep in their chairs.

Passage climaxed a hectic day of debate in which the House shouted down a proposal by the Ohio Republican Earl R. Lewis to confine the authorisation for China to a token US\$100.

As approved, the House bill authorised money for France, Italy, Austria and China. No specific sum for China was provided in the bill, but debate made it clear that the figure intended for China was US\$500,000,000.

The measure now goes to the House-Senate conference for differences to be adjusted. The Senate bill authorised US\$597,000,000 for the three European nations but no funds for China.

The Republican Speaker (Representative Joseph Martin) ended the six-day House debate abruptly with a rap of the gavel while members of the militant farm bloc who had fought the bill looked on in amazement.

Representative Martin called for a voice vote. A chorus of "ayes" rang out, then a weak scattering of "noes."

Representative Martin announced, "The bill is passed" and jubilant supporters of the aid programme stamped for the exits.

During the day's debate, Representative Walter Judd of Minnesota said the Lewis amendment to limit Chinese aid to US\$100 would be repeating the "same mistake" which led us into World War II and which would be sure to lead us into World War III if we fail to render assistance at the critical moment.

"If we turn China into the hands of Russia," Representative Judd said, "it means Russia will gain control of the greatest reservoir of manpower in the world, will control the tremendous resources of the great Ruhr of Asia and control the markets of the East. If China goes down, as she must without help, all efforts in Asia to withstand Communism must fold."

"Communism will spread like wildfire. If China falls, Korea and Japan will go down immediately. It is positive that Japan and Korea can never become self-sustaining or secure if Communists control Manchuria."

He added that the United States faced the alternatives of losing her security in the Pacific or allow China to fall and "then pour endless millions of dollars and men into Japan indefinitely."

United States indifference to the needs of China so far has "all but delivered the resources of China into the hands of another totalitarian nation, namely Russia," Representative Judd continued. He said, the United States neglected China prior to Pearl Harbour and allowed the Japanese to invade her until "Japan had fattened herself on Chinese wealth to the point where she was able to attack the United States."

"If China goes down, as she will without help, all efforts in Asia to resist encroachment of Communist must fold up. Chiang saw this in March 1927. We discovered it in March 1947, just 20 years too late."

"UTTERLY CORRUPT"—Speaking on behalf of his amendment, Representative Lewis said the Government of China was "utterly corrupt" and sending money to China "would be pouring it into the pockets of a few—Scoundrels and others who already control the greatest portion of the wealth of that country."

"Every dollar in this bill will go into the pockets of private individuals and not to the purposes for which it was intended."

The possibility arose that the 60 millions for China would "further trouble when the time came for actual appropriation of the relief money. The chairman of the House Appropriations Committee (Representative John Taber) asked the House if it felt his Committee should approve a grant for China when the State Department had not submitted a plan for spending the money. Representative Judd said the Secretary of State (Mr George Marshall) had promised that a programme for China would be laid before Congress before the regular session began in January.

"But until he submits it, the Appropriations Committee is under no obligation to approve aid for China and it should not be appropriated," Representative Judd said. He suggested, however, that the Reconstruction Finance Corporation earmark US\$20,000,000 of advance funds to carry China through January if Mr Marshall did submit a programme.

Representative Taber said he was not disposed to have the Committee make appropriations for anything which did not submit a plan. Earlier, Representative Halleck had told the House that constant demands for foreign aid and United States high prices resulted from "terribly mismanaged foreign affairs by the New Deal Democratic administration." "For years the administration has coddled Communists at home and abroad. The deals made at Yalta and Teheran are coming home to plague us."—United Press.

Road convoys normally brought in gasoline, commissary supplies and other materials every few months.

The Foreign Office spokesman said other means, such as rail transport, would have to be used in future.—United Press.

Express And Goods Train Collide—Paris, Dec. 11.—One person was killed and ten more were injured early today when the Paris to Montluçon express crashed into a goods train near Bruges, Central France. The cause of the accident is not yet known.

The police declared that sabotage was not involved but that a railwayman had been detained for questioning on an informal charge of negligence.—Reuter.

Nationalists Claim Big Victory

Shanghai, Dec. 12.—Frontline dispatches today claimed that the campaign against 15,000 Communists trapped in the Liulin area—Feiping-Hankow rail town 70 miles north of Hankow—was virtually completed and up to Thursday evening 8,800 Reds were killed or wounded and 3,800 captured, while less than 2,000 succeeded in breaking through the Nationalist cordon.

The dispatches said that the prisoners included one high ranking political commissioner, Wang Hung-kwan, and more than 50 officers above the rank of regimental commanders. According to the dispatches the prisoners told the Central China Command that Liu Po-chuan himself was still in the Pao-chien area and had planned to split his main force into several groups to establish new bases elsewhere. The Reds trapped in the Liulin area were one of such groups originally assigned to establish a new base on the upper reaches of the Han River in west Hupeh.

Hankow reports said that rail traffic between Hankow and Chengchow had resumed, indicating that all Reds have been cleared of the entire railway.—United Press.

MR CHURCHILL'S MEMOIRS

London, Dec. 11.—Mr. Winston Churchill will work on his memoirs while spending Christmas at Marrakesh, Morocco.

He left London last night for Paris and will be away for six weeks. His secretary said the first section of his memoirs will be published next spring.—Reuter.

Truman Insists On His Anti-Inflation Programme

Washington, Dec. 11.—President Truman today demanded that Congress enact his entire ten-point anti-inflation programme, telling a news conference that anything short of that was inadequate to meet the situation in the United States.

Mr Truman sharply criticised the Republican proposal to combat inflation by granting industry exemption from the anti-trust law to help spread supplies of scarce materials.

He said he would offer the administration's price and wage control legislation to Congress within a few days. He would also submit an extensive Government reorganisation plan when Congress held its regular session in January, he added.

Mr Truman declined to comment directly on the four-point programme submitted by the Republicans to Congress yesterday, but expressed himself bluntly on any attempt to relax anti-trust laws. He said these laws would be enforced to the limit as long as he was President.

All the ten points of his anti-inflation programme would be submitted to Congress in the form of legislation very soon, the President continued. The four-point Republican plan calls for extension of controls over exports and railway transportation facilities, provisions intended to encourage voluntary allocation of scarce materials and an increase in Federal Reserve Bank gold requirements in an effort to check bank credit.

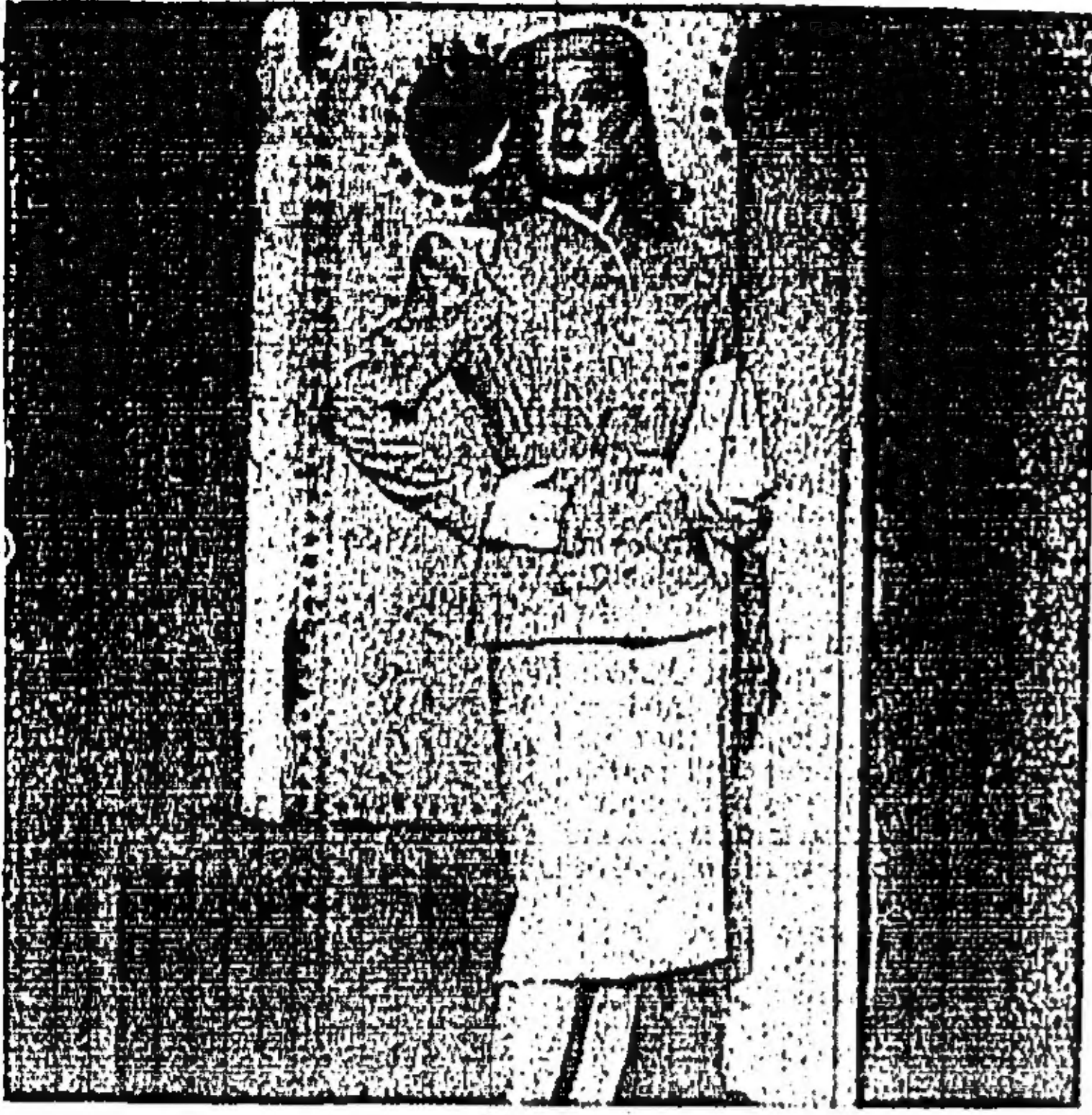
The President also told the Press: 1. His message to Congress on the long-range Marshall Plan would be ready soon, but not this week. He said the message would be too long to deliver in person because oral delivery might take as much as two hours.

2. He categorically denied a report that the Secretary of Defence (Mr James Forrestal) was planning to resign.

3. He would submit an extensive Government reorganisation plan to Congress in January.—United Press.

Women BEAUTY ARTS

By LOIS LEEDS



Posed by Betty Hutton for Lois Leeds.

Wear a sult. Wear three—but "scramble" them for new effects!

"DEAR LOIS LEEDS"

"Dear Lois Leeds—I am seventeen years old, fairly tall. I have a ballet-length afternoon dress. Can I wear flat suede sandals with it and look right?—TENA."

"If the dress is really 'dressy', with wide bullet skirt, you can wear ballet slippers, strapped on with ribbons, but higher heels look best with this type of skirt, which should be about 13 inches from the floor."

"Dear Lois Leeds—My fingernails break so much when I use nail polish. Could that be the cause?—L. M."

Nail polishes are now made in such a way that they are not the cause of nail breakage. Look to the state of your health. Massage fingertips with a cuticle cream and paint the nails with white iodine now and then. Buff the nails for a while, instead of using nail polish, then check the results."

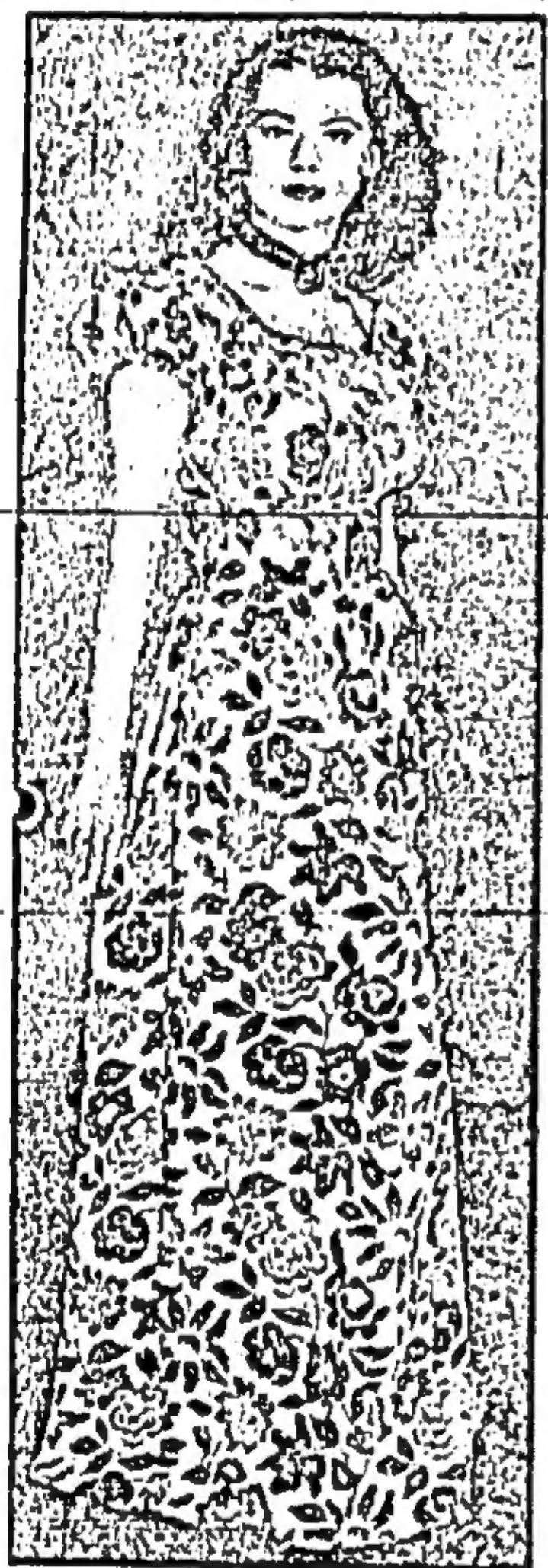
"Dear Lois Leeds—I work hard and I get hungry at four o'clock every afternoon. I can't have dinner (which I prepare) until 7:30."

Minute Makeups
by GABRIELLE



To brighten dull, faded blonde hair, use a rinse of peroxide and a half-pint of hot water. Add a few drops of perfume extract. Pour slowly over the hair and dry with warm, lintless towels. Bleached hair often gets dry and difficult. Hot water should not be used, only cool water verging on cold. Your shampoo mixture should be gently poured through the hair. Get someone to do this for you, if possible. Work the shampoo into a lather, massage it gently into the scalp. A vinegar rinse is an excellent way to finish."

FLOWERS, STRIPE!



Flower print makes this inexpensive evening gown from the latest range, with its cascade neckline and corset waist tied with bows of self material.

SIDE GLANCES

By Galbraith



"Serves you right! I only kicked your shin when you started your tirade against lawyers—that's what Mr. Jones is!"

Investigation Into Background Of Parliament Members

What sort of a background have Britain's Members of Parliament? What was the average age at which they left school? How did those who left school complete their education in later years?

Some of the answers to these questions have been gathered by a team of investigators working for the Psychological Department of Manchester University under the direction of Professor T. H. Pear, and their survey of the present House of Commons has been published in the Journal of Psychology.

Answers were received to 67 percent of the 640 questionnaires sent out to M.P.s of all Parties, and many of them not only answered questions, but gave additional valuable and unsolicited information.

The questions dealt mainly with the Members' education and career. Fifty-six percent of the over 300 Labour M.P.s. were found to be children of skilled manual workers and 10 percent of unskilled workers, which means that 66 percent of the Labour Members come from working class homes.

None of the Conservatives is the son of an unskilled worker, and only one "Other Party" Member answering the questionnaire falls in this category.

One of the Conservative Members, however, stated that he would now be employed on unskilled work were he not concerned with politics.

Forty-one percent of the Conservatives and five percent of the Labour M.P.s. began their careers in the fighting services.

Professions And Trades
Of the other Labour Members 32 percent started their careers as manual workers, 31 percent in the professions and 20 percent in the black-coated trades and in "debt-bond" jobs (messengers and errand boys, etc.).

More than half the Labour M.P.s. 40 percent of the Conservatives and 25 percent of the other parties make politics a whole time job.

At what age did the various M.P.s. start work? The following table gives the age group percentages.

Age Labour Conser- vatives Parties
Under 14 20 2 0
14-16 33 8 28
17-21 21 57 28
Over 21 10 33 25

It can be seen from this table that at least 30 percent of the Labour Members could have had only elementary school education. Actually 37 percent of Labour Members had attended only elementary schools whereas 78 percent of the Conservatives went to higher private schools.

Make-Up Of House
Professor T. H. Pear stated in a recent publication that the "make-up of the present House conforms more closely to that of the population than ever before."

The membership of the House of Commons, considered in the light of present-day employment, shows the following statistical table (Labour, Conservative and other parties are given in that order, with first figures alongside each showing the number, and the second the percentage age they form in the House):

Politics as profession: Labour 170 (56%); Conservative 36 (9%); Other Parties 125 (31%).
Unskilled workers 16 (5); 8 (9); 2 (6).
Semi-skilled workers 22 (7); 6 (7); 1 (1).
Skilled workers 22 (7); 6 (7); 1 (1).
Professions 12 (3); 7 (22); Teaching 14 (4); 1 (1); 1 (3).
Journalism 22 (7); 3 (3); 4 (13).
Business 31 (10); 23 (25); 9 (28).
Total 313 (100); 91 (100); 32 (100).

An interesting feature of the investigation concerns the Members' later completion of their education. Thus, the majority of Labour members who started work at about 13, attended evening classes, specialising in such subjects as book-keeping, economics, history and sociology, of use to them in their work or political life. Many Labour M.P.s. have acquired "government" experience through membership of local government bodies.

Professional Structure
About half of the Members of the Commons attended Universities, the percentages being 40 percent Labour and 60 percent for Conservative Members.

Only a few M.P.s. have specialised in the physical sciences, even in this atomic age. Comparatively few Members of the House have business interests, only 12½ percent of those who answered the questionnaire being in business or industry whereas in former, and comparatively recent, Parliaments, the percentages of those engaged in business reached 50.

Times have, however, changed and it has been shown, the composition of Parliament reflects the professional structure of the population.

Hard To Find NAMES, SAYS MOTHER OF 17
An Australian woman, who recently gave birth to her 17th child, said she did not intend to have any more because "it was too much trouble thinking up names for them."

The woman, Mrs. Martha Elizabeth Tobin, 45, of Katoomba, and her husband, Mr. Walter Tobin, 48, have 15 children living. Eight are boys and seven are girls. Two have died, and three have married. The new arrival, eight-pound Robert, was born at Katoomba Anzac Memorial Hospital.

Interviewed in hospital, Mrs. Tobin said she was "through" with having children.

"I've done my share, and I'll leave it to someone else to have them from now on," she said.

Two Days To Find Name
"Besides, it's far too hard to pick names for them now. I've used all the names I like."

"I had a girl's name picked for this one before it arrived, and now it has taken me two days to find one suitable for a boy."

Mrs. Tobin said she advised young married couples to have large families because they were less trouble than small families.

"I have never had a day's worry or sickness with my family, which I call 'this happy brood,'" she said.

"They are great company in the house, too, and seem to get on better together than a family of two or three children."

"A large family also tends to tie the parents together more closely. My husband and I have never been unhappy in our married life."

Careful Budget
Mr. Tobin works at a small arms factory, where he earns £6 a week. Mrs. Tobin is entitled to £42.6 a week child endowment.

"People often ask me how I keep such a large family on Wally's wages, but it's just a matter of being careful," said Mrs. Tobin.

"It has been a bit hard at times, but a bit of careful management always does the trick."

"It makes me laugh when I hear women without families say 'they can't manage on £10 a week.'"

MINNIE FROM BURMA
Accompanying the recent return to England 1st Battalion Lancashire Fusiliers were their pony mascot Minnie, born behind the lines during the Wingle expedition in Burma.

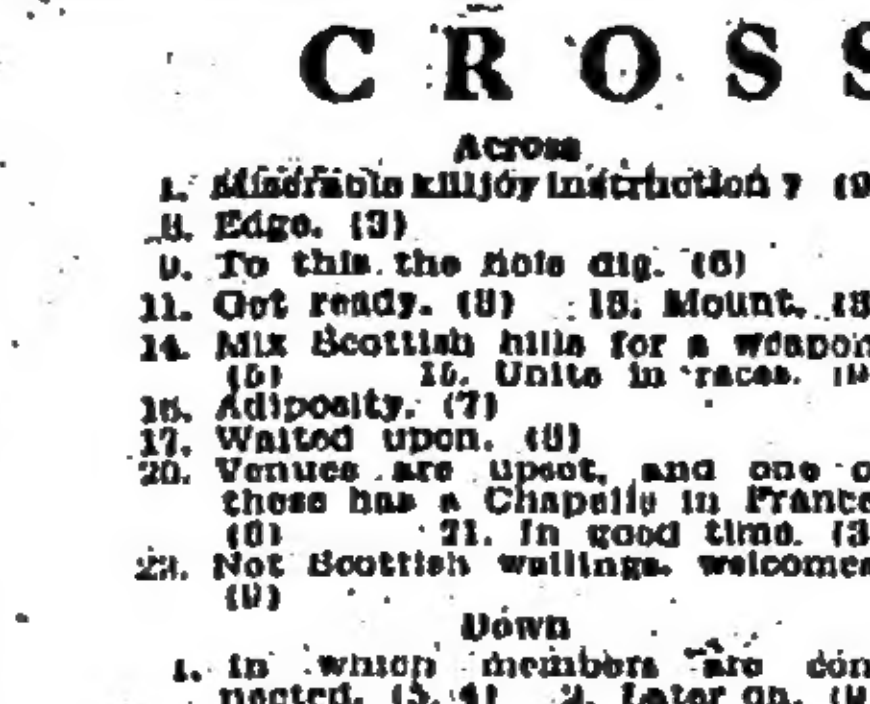
Her mother was a Burmese pony used as a pack animal behind the Japanese lines and she foaled at the height of a battle near a mortar post.

When things were getting a bit hot Brigadier ("Mad Mike") Calvert decided that the troops' morale might suffer if Minnie became a casualty, so she was flown to safer surroundings.

When the battalion sailed for home regimental funds paid her fare. Now three-years-old, she will go to the battalion's new quarters at Wem.

Brigadier Calvert served as a young officer in Hongkong some years ago.

CHESS PROBLEM
By A. R. HAWORTH
Black, 10 pieces.



White, 9 pieces.
White to play and mate in two.
Solution to yesterday's problem:
1. R-K5, any; 2. Q; or R mates.

Rupert and the Three Guides—46
Constable Growler opens the handkerchiefs and sees that they are indeed filled with the precious things that have been missed. "I must take these back to my office," he says. "And if you three Guides want to do another good turn, you can go round the village and tell the people to come back and fetch the things that you have recovered."

But Rupert asks if he can have his mother's pearls so that he can take them to her himself.



McKENNEY ON BRIDGE

Problem: Find The Thirteenth Trick

By WILLIAM E. MCKENNEY

FRANK WEISBACH of Cincinnati, Ohio, who won the world championship Masters Pairs this year with Allen Harvey of Louisville, Ky., is one of the country's outstanding card players. There are fine players now in the south, midwest and west who will make a good showing any time they enter major competition. It was no surprise when Weisbach came through for the championship.

Weisbach had an interesting percentage problem in today's hand. He had eight top card tricks, two spades, two hearts, two diamonds and two clubs. If either the spades or clubs were divided three-three, he could develop the ninth trick; but

♠ 10742	♥ 1030
♦ 842	♣ 10
♠ A7	♥ KQ
♦ 9875	♣ 852
♠ Q5	♥ J643
♦ J1065	♣ 9
♠ J1043	♥ 3
♦ Q2	♣ 2

Tournament—Neither vul.
South West North East
2.N.T. Pass 3.N.T. Pass
Opening—♥5 25

If both of those suits broke four-two, should he tackle clubs or spades first?

Weisbach correctly went after the club suit. If the honours were divided, and even if the suits broke four-two, he could develop the ninth trick in clubs while he might not be able to do so in spades. Look at the West hand. West had the queen and one spade and the queen and one club. If Weisbach cashed the ace and king of spades, he still would not have established a trick in that suit, and East would make the jack-nine. If he cashed the ace and king of clubs, and "dropped" either the queen, as he did, or jack, doubtless, it made no difference which hand originally held four clubs. Then ten would knock out the other honour and the nine become the much-needed ninth trick.

Check Your Knowledge

1. Dots dew fall?
2. Name the capital of Hong Kong.
3. What is the "falling sickness"?
4. What is the difference between agoraphobia and aphasia?
5. What is the boiling point of water on the Fahrenheit scale?
6. What is the literal meaning of fiasco?

(Answers on Page 4)



CROSSWORD

Across

1. A famous killing instruction? (5)
2. Edge. (3)
3. To this the note sig. (6)
4. Got ready. (8) 15. Mount. (8)
5. Mix Scottish hills for a weapon. (10)
6. Unite in "race." (10)
7. Adiposity. (7)
8. Waited upon. (8)
9. Venues are booked, and one of these has a Chapelle in France. (10)
10. In good time. (10)
11. Not Scottish? wait welcome. (10)

Down

1. In which members are connected. (5-4) 2. Later on. (10)
3. Printer's measure. (10)
4. Little it it flood were one. (10)
5. A dam may be thus described. (7)
6. Parts of flowers. (10)
7. Footwear, mainly notes. (10)
8. Settled. (7)
9. Plany outcurrence. (10)
10. Ring. (10) 16. P.M. before. (10)
11. You must have this to a Across the hole. (8)

Solution of yesterday's puzzle.—Across: (1) Trenchard; (2) Lumber; (3) A. Moore; (4) Laid; (5) Darts; (6) English; (7) Plany; (8) Settled; (9) Darts; (10) English; (11) Ring; (12) A. Moore; (13) Darts; (14) English; (15) Trenchard; (16) Lumber.

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WAR MAY BE RESUMED AT ANY TIME

New York, Dec. 11.—Lieutenant-General George E. Stratemeyer, Commanding General of the Air Defence Command, said today that war may be resumed "at any time," and the United States must be strong enough to take the field at a moment's notice.

Stratemeyer spoke at a luncheon inaugurating the opening of the first airline terminal at Brooklyn.

He said the United States continues to "hope and pray" that the United Nations ultimately can insure world peace, but until that time there would be only an armistice—"time out in the deadly game of war."—United Press.

MYSTERIOUS NEW COMET DISCOVERED

Cape Town, Dec. 11.—The Astronomer Royal at Cape Town, Dr J. Jackson, reported today a vast mysterious new comet blazing across southern hemisphere skies with a tail probably 10 to 20 million miles long.

The comet, he said, is probably now between the earth and the sun and is at least equal in brightness to any star of first magnitude. For a comet, he said, it has huge bulk, but he had no theories to offer as to how it approached so closely to the earth without detection.

Commenting acidly on public suggestions that the comet be named "Elizabeth and Philip" or "Hope of the World," Dr Jackson said it did not matter what name the press gave it.

Astronomers will either give it a simple number or grace it by a long hyphenated hodge-podge of the names of those first officially reported it, Dr Jackson said.

"It will probably be known to history as the 'Great Comet of 1947,'" he said.—United Press.

Siberia Cold Kept Bodies 2,000 Years

Moscow, Dec. 11.—Soviet archaeologists today announced that they had discovered the almost perfectly preserved bodies of a young girl and her slain companion, who were buried 2,000 years ago.

The bodies were located in a looted tomb in the Altai district of south-western Siberia, where the intense cold kept the bodies from decaying.

An archaeologist, S. I. Rudenko, said the tomb was sealed when the bodies were buried, but thieves apparently broke into it soon afterwards. This opened the burial place to Siberia's icy winds and created an "ice box" that preserved the bodies indefinitely.

Together with the bodies, the scientists found cheese and other food intended to nourish the boy and girl in the afterworld. The food was in such good condition that it could still be eaten.

Rudenko said the girl, who was described as "beautiful," apparently died from natural causes, and the boy with her was slain so that he could accompany her on her journey after death. He might have been a lover, a servant or any unfortunate tribesman chosen for the task.

Seven horses also had been killed and put into the tomb for the boy and girl to ride.—United Press.

Profiteering In Food Charge

Doylestown, Pennsylvania, Dec. 11.—Mr Harold Stassen, Republican Presidential aspirant, today accused "insiders in the national administration" of profiteering in food prices.

He added he would ask Assistant Secretary of the Army Edwin W. Pauley for information concerning persistent reports that he made substantial purchases and sales of wheat and other food commodities.—United Press.

FUEHRERBUNKER BLOWN UP

Berlin, Dec. 11.—A Russian demolition squad blew up the Fuehrerbunker today, wiping out the "Chancellery shelter" where Adolf Hitler and Eva Braun were believed to have died.

The demolition was part of the Allied programme for destroying German fortifications.—Associated Press.

U Saw Denies Hand In Burma State Killings

Rangoon, Dec. 11.—Mr Derek Curtis Bennett, K.C., called the prosecution's case against U Saw, the former Burmese Premier, "a cooked case," when the Burmese state assassination trial was resumed here today.

Mr Curtis Bennett, senior defence counsel, making his opening speech, turned to the Burmese Advocate-General, U Tun Byu, and declared: "I challenge you to prove that U Saw was the chief conspirator."

NO SHIPPING OF FACTORIES TO RUSSIA

Washington, Dec. 11.—Senator Joseph H. Ball (Republican of Minnesota) today proposed that Congress prohibit the Army from using occupation appropriations for dismantling German factories to ship to Russia as reparations.

He said he and some other members of the Senate Appropriations Committee were "pretty disgusted" about the Administration's policy on German factories.

Senator Ball said that "it just doesn't make sense" for the Administration to help build up Russia by giving her German factories at the same time Congress was asked for money to halt Communism in Western Europe.

The prohibition could be included in the forthcoming appropriation for additional funds to cover occupation costs, he added. He said the prohibition clause would not apply directly to past appropriations, but "it would be an expression of Congressional opinion which I think the Army would respect, even on past appropriations."

The Secretary of the Army, Mr Kenneth Royall, replying to Senator Ball, said that such a provision might be "effective" in stopping shipments of German factories to Russia and her satellites.

The Committee chairman, Senator Styles Bridges, and Senator William F. Knowland also expressed opposition to giving any more German factories to Russia or countries under Soviet domination.—United Press.

AIR CRASH KILLS 23 PERSONS

Westover Field, Massachusetts, Dec. 11.—The Atlantic Air Transport Command today announced that 23 persons were killed and six survived when an Army C-54 transport plane crashed and burned near Goose Bay, Labrador, on Tuesday night.

The ATC said a helicopter which was assembled at Goose Bay after being flown in a dismantled condition from Westover Field landed with doctors half a mile from the wreck.—United Press.

Chinese Officials Dismissed

Nanking, Dec. 12.—The Government last night ordered the discharge of Mr Yi Lan-sun, chief of the imports licence division of the Shanghai Customs, and two assistants, for alleged involvement in a huge Shanghai graft case.

The Government, in a communique, said that six inspectors had been sent to Shanghai to investigate the case.

Also ordered to be dismissed was Mr Liu Ping-yi, Commissioner of Shanghai Customs. He was held responsible for the graft because of negligence of duty.

The Government has appointed Mr Chang Yung-nien, Commissioner of Kwangtung Customs, to replace Mr Liu.—Reuter-AAP.

Last U.S. Troops In Italy

Leghorn, Dec. 11.—The last United States troops in Italy will leave Leghorn next Sunday, Major-General Jaynes, Commander of the United States Mediterranean Occupation Forces, announced today.

He said that they would leave Italian territorial waters before the time specified in the peace treaty, December 15.—Reuter.

Belgian Troops To Stay On Rhine

Cologne, Dec. 11.—A report that Belgian troops were to be withdrawn from Rhineland garrisons and be replaced by Canadian troops was denied by a British military spokesman here today.

"Nor has Canada any intention of sending troops to Europe again so long after the end of war," he added.—Reuter.

Mr Curtis Bennett, who spoke before U Saw's entry into the witness stand this morning, told the Special Tribunal: "The whole world is anxiously waiting to see how you deal with this case. It will give the world a preview of justice in independent Burma."

"Unless much courage is shown by your lordships, I am afraid this case would be just a farce," Mr Curtis Bennett's defence speech was brief. "This is a political case," he said. "Justice is more important than politics. U Saw seeks nothing but justice as man to man."

"From the evidence the defence will bring, the court will see that Ba Kyun and another man had put forward the idea of murdering Aung San, but U Saw put them down."

"It is just logic that if U Saw had anything to do with the July assassinations, I suggest he would have been in the United States or England."

U Saw's Evidence
U Saw, who gave evidence under oath, categorically denied any knowledge of, or association with, the assassination of Premier Aung San and six of his ministers last July.

U Saw declared that he had had no idea at all that an attack was to be made on the ministers. "If I had known anything of it, I would have tried to prevent it," he said. In any case I would not be a party to such an outrage. I am against violence in politics and I would not allow my party or followers to use violence."

U Saw said that the first news he heard of the assassinations was by telephone from a newspaper. He had kept indoors throughout July 18 and 19 as he had a stomach pain and he did not meet or talk to any of the accused on these days. He allowed his followers to camp in his compound, and they were at liberty to use, without permission from him, two jeeps and a lorry, kept in a garage at the far end of the compound.

Arms For Protection
The former Premier smiled when he stated: "It is not true that on the return of certain persons in a jeep I took part in a celebration and shouted victory when the murders were described."

He agreed that he had arms in the house, but added that these were licensed.

"I kept them for my own protection, not for murder," he said, recalling that in September last year he was shot at while travelling in a car.

His followers, he said, normally took an oath of allegiance to the party as a "precaution" against spies joining the organisation.—Reuter.

YVON PETRA TO SUE SPORTS PROMOTER

Paris, Dec. 11.—Yvon Petra, colourful French tennis player and Wimbledon champion of 1946, announced today that he will sue Charles Michailis, Paris sports promoter, for an undisclosed amount which was believed to be in the neighbourhood of 250,000 francs.

The suit will be based, according to Petra, on the claims that Michailis dissuaded him in 1946 from accepting either of two offers to turn professional in America, in favour of promised arrangements in France which never materialised.

The lawsuit was filed on Monday. Michailis was the six-foot-four giant tennis player.

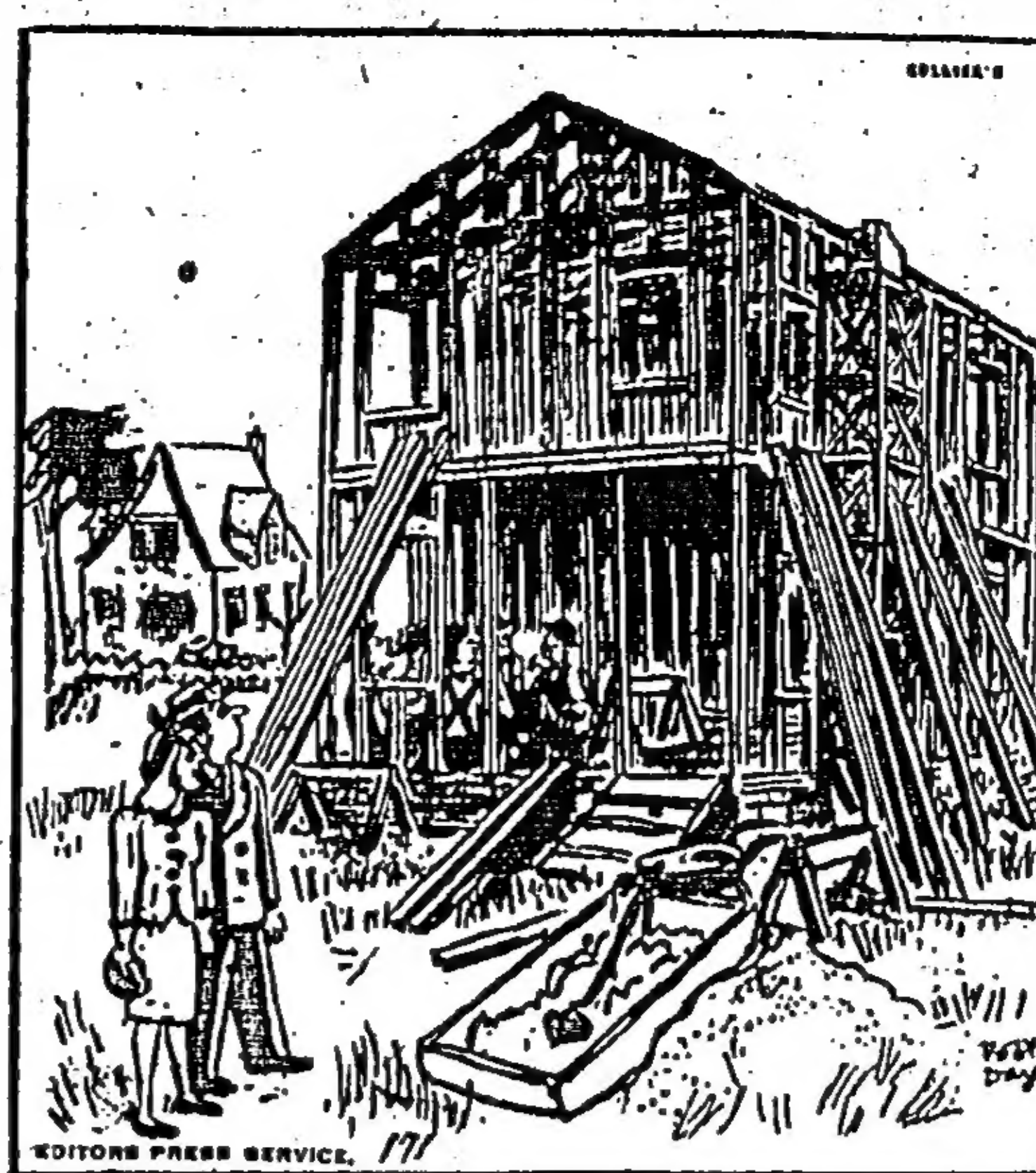
Petra explained that after he won the Wimbledon singles and went to Forest Hills for the American championships, he received two offers to turn professional. "One was from Bobby Riggs for one year \$20,000 contract, while the other was from promoter Jack Harris who offered \$15,000 for one year. Both offers also carry renewal clauses and guarantees of gate receipt percentages," said Petra.

"Before I decided, however, I received a letter from Mr Michailis asking me not to accept their offer and that he could get me a job in Paris which would pay me well and at the same time I could continue playing as an amateur. I turned down both offers on the strength of Michailis' letter."

The arrangements made for Petra were that he would manage the Racing Club de Paris, the new tennis centre in Paris, but the courts have not yet been opened.

"I am out of a job and pretty broke as the result," said Petra.—Reuter.

India's Team Changes
Sydney, Dec. 11.—India made two changes in their Test team for the second of the series which begins here tomorrow.



France Suspends Chief Of Repatriation Group

Paris, Dec. 11.—The French Government today accused Russia of using her repatriation camp in France to send French citizens to the Soviet Union. At the same time the government suspended Lieutenant-Colonel Raymond Marquie, chief of the French Repatriation Mission in Moscow, for "inadmissible" declarations attacking his own government's policy towards Russia.

GHAVAM EXPECTED TO RESIGN

Teheran, Dec. 11.—Persia today is expecting Ghavam es Sultaneh, the Prime Minister, to resign in accordance with parliamentary procedure after the vote of no confidence in him was passed yesterday by the Majlis.

Ghavam es Sultaneh walked out of the Chamber after the vote, taken at a packed and stormy session at which he stressed his efforts to check the separatist movement in the north Persian province of Azerbaijan.

"I leave the verdict to history," he said, as he left.

The present Ministers resigned after he had made a broadcast which was criticised by Court circles as reflecting on the Shah of Persia and by the opposition as "pro-Russian."

The broadcast followed a new Soviet note to Persia, reiterating the Russian demand for ratification of last year's agreement for a joint Russo-Persian oil company in North Persia, which was rejected by the Majlis.

Curfew has been imposed in Tabriz, capital of the North Persian province of Azerbaijan, according to the Persian newspaper Ettelaat, quoted by the Moscow Radio.

The province has been subdivided into districts and mobile police have been sent to each. This report added.—Reuter.

Aides at the Veterans Ministry said Marquie may be discharged from the Army and confined to barracks when he returns to France for his statement that the French Government had a "systematically malicious attitude" towards Russia.

Aides at the Ministry described Marquie as a Communist of long standing who received his appointment from a Communist Veterans Minister more than a year ago.

In a note handed to the Soviet Charge d'Affaires, the French Government declared that 40 French women and 20 men were "assembled" in the Soviet repatriation camp at Benicard in September last year and shipped to Russia "without the knowledge of the French authorities."

The note said that "after their arrival in Moscow the French men and women in question asked the French Embassy for their immediate repatriation. They have since returned to French territory."—Associated Press.

Anti-Soviet Plan
Paris, Dec. 11.—Colonel Raymond Marquie, head of the French Repatriation Mission ordered out of Russia, who was reported from Moscow as saying that the recent diplomatic events were part of "a general anti-Soviet plan, of which France is one of the first victims," spoke "without the French Government's authority" and "without the knowledge of the French Embassy in Moscow," a Foreign Office spokesman said here today.

A spokesman of the Ministry of War Veterans, the Ministry responsible for the Repatriation Mission, said that if Colonel Marquie was proved to have made the statements reported, he would be dismissed immediately and head of the Mission without prejudice to other action that might be taken against him on his return to France.

It was reported from Moscow that Colonel Marquie said last night that recent diplomatic events were part of a general plan against the Soviet Union.

Beauregard Raid
"Sane heads consider that the initiative for the latest events should not be looked for in France but elsewhere, because all this is part of a general anti-Soviet plan, of which France is one of the first victims," Colonel Marquie told foreign correspondents.

Declaring that the Russian Government had scrupulously observed the repatriation agreement, he said this was the first time the French Government several times that certain facts would be interpreted as evidence of systematic bad will towards the Soviet Union.

He cited specially the Beauregard camp raid, the delay in granting visas for the Russian Repatriation Commission and the dissolution of the Repatriation Commission in France.—Reuter.

for the opening of the Games by the King on the following afternoon.

Arrangements for the Continental route have not yet been completed but it has been decided that a naval ship will convey the torch from Calais.

From that point, runners chosen from local athletic clubs in relays of about two miles each, will carry it through Canterbury, Maidstone, Redgate, Redhill, Dorking, Guildford, Bagshot, Windsor, Slough, Uxbridge and Wembley.—Reuter.

Melbourne Tennis
Melbourne, Dec. 10.—Billy Sidwell today beat Jim Brink of Seattle, Washington, 3-6, 6-2, 6-4, 3-6, 6-4 in the semi-finals of the Victoria tennis championships. Sidwell will meet Adrian Quist in the finals on Friday.—United Press.

Rugby Results
London, Dec. 11.—The results of Rugby Union games played last night were:
North Midlands 22, Warwickshire 13;
Notts, Lincs and Derby 11, East Midlands 20.—Reuter.

Olympic Torch

London, Dec. 11.—A team of 75 runners in relays will carry the Olympic burning torch from Dover to Wembley Stadium throughout the night of July 28 on the last stages of its journey from the Greek village of Olympia, to arrive in time

New Civil Defence Services

London, Dec. 11.—The Government has completed plans for the reorganisation of the civil defence forces of the country.

The manpower requirements of the new services, which include air raid precautions, fire-fighting and first aid parties, have not been officially estimated, but are expected to exceed a number of millions during the last war, it is officially stated.

In a memorandum to the local authorities, the Government stated: "The destructive effect of modern weapons is so catastrophic that no measures of civil defence will maintain the resistance of the community to a sustained air attack unless they rest on an efficient system of active defence."

It goes on to state that civil defence measures must be devised which will "substantially reduce the effects of an attack and so maintain the national war potential and the morale of the people."

Mobile Forces
Under the new plans, the community is to be reorganised for civil defence with a highly mobile, disciplined and well-trained full-time force available for service in any part of the United Kingdom; local forces, mainly part-time, with a whole-time nucleus sufficiently mobile to serve anywhere within a more restricted area; and a well-trained civilian force receiving instruction designed to cover simple measures of protection.

The services will comprise military mobile columns, local mobile services, local static forces, emergency medical service, civil defence units at factories and utility undertakings and a "restoration organisation."—Reuter.

Strike At Atom Plant Averted

Oak Ridge, Tennessee, Dec. 12.—A month-long labour dispute affecting 3,000 production employees of one of the Government's huge atomic energy plants was settled here today.

An agreement "in the dispute at Oak Ridge between the CIO United Chemical Workers and the Carbide and Carbon Chemicals Corporation" was announced by the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service. It was reported unofficially that the Union, which asked for a 20-cent-an-hour blanket wage increase, had agreed to a 10-cent-an-hour increase.

The Union had threatened to call out its members at midnight on Tuesday unless a satisfactory agreement was reached at that time. At the Government's urgent request, however, the strike threat was indefinitely postponed on Monday afternoon.—Associated Press.

Egyptian Minister In London Dies

London, Dec. 11.—Hussien Mohammed Said Bey, Minister of Egyptian Embassy in London, died today aged 51.

He served the whole of his diplomatic career in London, starting in 1930 as Consul at the Embassy. He became Minister, second to the Ambassador, three years ago.—Reuter.

CHECK YOUR KNOWLEDGE

Answers
1. No, it is formed when moisture from the warm air is deposited on something cold enough to condense it. 2. Victoria. 3. Epilepsy. 4. Both are brain diseases, but in aphasia a person is unable to express his thoughts in writing, while in psychomotor he cannot express his thoughts in speech. 5. 212 degrees. 6. A bottle or flask (Italian)."

OUTWARD MAILS

Christmas letter mail by air will close on Friday, December 12, at the following times: GPO, registered 3 p.m., ordinary 3.30 p.m.; Kowloon GPO, registered 2.30 p.m., ordinary 3 p.m. This mail is expected to arrive in the United Kingdom on Thursday. Unless otherwise stated, registered articles and parcel posts close 30 minutes earlier than the ordinary mail. All mail close before 5 p.m. registered and parcels will close at 5 p.m. on previous day.

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Canton, Chungking, Amoy, Shanghai, Nanking, Hankow, Tientsin and Peking, 3.30 p.m.
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Swatow (Sea) 10 a.m.
Shanghai (Sea) 10 a.m.
Haiphong (Sea) Noon.
Macao, Tientsin & Shekhi (Sea) 1 p.m.
Canton (Train) 2 p.m.
Saigon (Sea) 3 p.m.
Straits (Sea) 3 p.m.
Canton (Train) 4 p.m. and South America via San Francisco (Sea) 4 p.m.
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Kobe (Sea) 4 p.m.
Canton (Sea) 5 p.m.

TO-DAY'S BROADCAST

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6. Studio: Children's Hour: 6.30.
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7.15: World and Home News: 7.15.
7.30: "You Asked For It" Variety Programme presented by Monica Jackson: 7.15. A short Piano Recital by Arthur Schnitzler: 8.30. B.B.C. Transmission: "Music of the People." Greece, Austria, Finland, Switzerland and Portugal: 8.30. Interlude: 9. London: 9.15. Weather Report: 9.15. B.B.C. Transmission: "Music of the People." "Moonlight to Gascon" A Story of the French Resistance Movement: 10. "Mancini" "Mancini" and "Piericapa": Chorus and Orchestra of the Opera Comique, Paris: 11. Close Down.

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